

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
SEPTEMBER 7, 2005 MEETING MINUTES**

At 7:30 PM, Director Charles R. Sullivan opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Director Sullivan stated the meeting was in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

On roll call, the following Freeholders were present: Lee R. Ware, Beth E. Timberman, Bruce L. Bobbitt, R. Benjamin Simmermon, Jr., C. David Sparks, Jr., Susan A. Bestwick and Charles R. Sullivan. Quorum was present.

Motion was made by Mr. Ware that the reading of the Minutes of August 17, 2005 meeting be dispensed with and that the Minutes be received, approved and recorded in the Minute Book. Mr. Bobbitt seconded his motion. The motion to accept the minutes carried by hand vote of 7/0.

Motion was made by Mr. Ware to waive the Rules of the Board for Resolution 2005-363 to provide for timely administration of County Tax Board services. Mr. Bobbitt seconded the motion which was carried by hand vote of 7/0.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Proclamation for October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month was read.

CORRESPONDENCE

GENERAL

Frank J. Cianfrani, Chief, Regulatory Branch, US Army Corps of Engineers – Public Notice to solicit comments and recommendations concerning issuance of a Department of the Army permit for work located at the following areas:

- Love Creek, Sussex County, DE
- Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, Town of Chesapeake City, Cecil County, MD
- Permits that have been issued withdrawn or denied during the months of April, May and June
- To issue an order assessing a Class 1 Administrative Penalty for violations of a section 404 Clean Water Act permit granted to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

Megann Anderson, Program Specialist, Long Term Care Licensing, Department of Health and Senior Services – notification that the Salem County Nursing Home has been recertified and continued participation in the New Jersey Medicaid program is approved

Peter C. Harvey, Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety – copy of the FY03 Homeland Security Grant Program Phase I Status

Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission – copy of the Draft General Conformity Determination in reference to the Crown Landing LNG and Logan Lateral Projects

Susan E. Craft, Executive Director, State Agriculture Development Committee – correspondence regarding targeted closings through first two quarters of FY06

John Washington, Borough of Penns Grove Mayor; John Lake, Carney's Point Township Mayor; George Bradford, Oldmans Township Mayor – letter to Commissioner Bradley Campbell of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection asking for leadership and direction on how to expedite the approval of the water allocation permit submitted over three years ago regarding the Lower Delaware Water Quality Management Plan

Cumberland County – 3 resolutions:

- resolution supporting the New Jersey Motorsports Park and requesting the appointment of Litigation Counsel
- resolution supporting the New Jersey Motorsports Park and requesting that all lawsuits be withdrawn
- resolution calling for the withdrawal of Rutgers Environmental Law Clinic from representation of entities challenging the taxpayer supported efforts of the County of Cumberland, its division and agencies and of the City of Millville

Hunterdon County – resolution encouraging State and Federal governments to develop a grant application award and administration process which is equitable, objective, based on identified needs and successful achievement of measurable objectives

Morris County – resolution requesting legislation be enacted to impose limits on the annual New Jersey State budget to include spending limitations comparable to those required of municipalities, counties, authorities and school districts

Shirley E. Brooks, Assistant Director/Project Director, Arc of Salem County – copy of the second quarter report of the Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities Grant (ROID)

Robert B. Zuest, President/CEO, Parvin State Park Appreciation Committee, Inc. – requesting approval of road closures in Pittsgrove Township due to a 5K Run/Walk on September 11, 2005

David McCollum, Event Chairman, Rehabilitation Hospital of South Jersey – requesting approval of road closures in Pittsgrove Township due to the Halloween Bone Run at Parvin State Park on October 20, 2005

Ada N. Jackson, Office Manager, First Managed Care Option - July 2005 Savings Report showing \$143,754.13 in savings and August Savings Report showing \$146,841.92 in savings

Herbert W. Roeschke, Public Health Coordinator – notice of the Implementation of New Jersey's Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan Grant Award and of the Cancer Education and Early Detection Grant Award

Betsy Erhardt – letter of resignation as a member of the Salem County Board of Social Services

John T. Lenahan, Prosecutor, Law Enforcement Trust Funds – Seized and/or Forfeited Funds Audit Report for the Year 2004

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

For the Month of June
 Emergency Services Staff Meeting
 Complete HealthCare Resources (Nursing Home)

For the Month of July
 Adjuster
 Emergency Services

For the Month of August
 Office for the Disabled
 Veterans Services & Interment
 Weights & Measures

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MINUTES

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Committee August 12th Minutes
 Office on Aging Advisory Council June 21st Minutes

Motion was made by Mr. Ware that the Correspondence, Departmental Reports, and Committee/Commission Minutes be received and filed with Mr. Bobbitt seconding his motion. The motion was carried by a vote of 7/0

PAYMENT OF BILLS & CLAIMS

Motion was made by Mr. Ware that all Bills and Claims, when properly signed and audited, be paid and charged to their respective accounts. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bobbitt, which was carried by a hand vote of 7/0.

The Clerk of the Board/Administrator read resolutions in block by committee with Board concurrence.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE – Sullivan, Ware, Bobbitt

R2005-361 Resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Salem, New Jersey, Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of up to \$8,300,000 of its General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005; making Certain Covenants to Maintain the Exemption of the Interest on Said Bonds from Federal Income Taxation; and Authorizing Such Further Actions and making Such Determinations as may be Necessary or Appropriate to Effectuate the Issuance and Sale of the Bonds

R2005-362 Resolution Ratifying an Agreement between the Salem County Nursing Home and the Salem Community College for the Clinical Nursing Program for the County of Salem

R2005-363 Resolution Approving a Contract for Services Provider for the County of Salem and Salem County Board of Taxation

R2005-364 Resolution Supporting Salem County's Business Retention Task Force Efforts to Retain Anchor Glass Plant #6

Mr. Ware moved for adoption of the four resolutions with Mr. Simmermon seconding his motion. The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a vote of 7/0.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE –Simmermon, Ware, Bestwick

R2005-365 Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Application of Slurry Seal to the Court House and Fenwick Building Parking Lots for the County of Salem (\$40,861.21 – Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc.)

Mr. Simmermon moved for adoption of this resolution with Mr. Ware seconding his motion. The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a vote of 7/0.

COUNTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – Bestwick, Sullivan, Sparks

No business came before this committee at this meeting.

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – Sparks, Timberman, Simmermon

R2005-366 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to R.S. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 (\$3,200 – Early Intervention Program 05-161-EIP-L-2)

R2005-367 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to R.S. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 (\$110,000 Cancer Education and Early Detection 06-125-CCS-L-0)

R2005-368 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to R.S. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 (\$95,000 – Title V Delinquency Prevention J-V-4-04)

R2005-369 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to R.S. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 (\$592,669 – Public Health Preparedness & Response for Bioterrorism 06-1150-BT-L-3)

R2005-370 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to R.S.40A:4-87, Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 (\$7,500 – Partnership Program Management Funding for the Salem County Youth Services Commission)

Mr. Sparks moved for adoption of the five resolutions with Mrs. Timberman seconding his motion. The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a vote of 7/0.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE – Ware, Bobbitt, Simmermon

R2005-371 Resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders Accepting Grant Funding for the Prosecutor's Office from the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice State Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy (\$173,972)

R2005-372 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to R.S. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 (\$43,493 – Victims of Crime Act)

Mr. Ware moved for adoption of the two resolutions with Mr. Bobbitt seconding his motion. The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a vote of 7/0.

PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – Timberman, Sullivan, Bestwick

R2005-373 Resolution Awarding a Contract for Railroad Reconstruction Phase I Main Stem Class I for the County of Salem

Mrs. Timberman moved for adoption of this resolution with Mrs. Bestwick seconding her motion. The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a vote of 7/0.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE – Bobbitt, Timberman, Sparks

R2005-374 Resolution Prohibiting Normal Traffic South Railroad Avenue, County Road #602 in Oldmans Township, County of Salem

R2005-375 Resolution Prohibiting Normal Traffic Almond Road, County Road #540 in Pittsgrove Township, Salem County

R2005-376 Resolution Prohibiting Normal Traffic Almond Road, County Road #540 and Parvins Mill Road, County Road #645 in Pittsgrove Township, Salem County

R2005-377 Resolution Approving Task Order No. 14 Auburn Road Resurfacing, County Road #602 in the Township of Pilesgrove for the County of Salem

R2005-378 Resolution Approving Task Order No. 15 Resurfacing of Kings Highway, County Road #620 in the Township of Mannington for the County of Salem

R2005-379 Resolution Approving Change Order No. 1 2005 Oil and Stone Program for the County of Salem

Mr. Bobbitt moved for adoption of the six resolutions with Mrs. Timberman seconding his motion. The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a vote of 7/0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Simmermon requested time at the next meeting early in the agenda for a presentation on the County Almshouse in case any needed resolutions might be considered that night. He stated that the Almshouse committee had been assisted by Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer Dorothy Guzzo. Director Sullivan asked him to coordinate the time through the Clerk of the Board/Administrator.

Mr. Simmermon summarized a letter from architectural firm Schoor DePalma stating the firm would not be making political donations in order to obtain favorable government contracts. Mr. Simmermon asked the Board to formulate a similar letter to the New Jersey Association of Counties. Director Sullivan said
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NEW BUSINESS

Emergency Services Director Carl Wentzell gave an overview of the County of Salem's readiness to respond to Hurricane Katrina disaster relief. He said Emergency Services, Law Enforcement, Decontamination vehicles and Health Department were placed in a state of readiness but had not been asked for. He gave an update on "ETeam" and that housing had been offered. He said local organizations approved by the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) to go south will be covered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Any group wishing to go help must go through Emergency Services Director's office and not getting approval will disqualify costs being covered by FEMA. Mrs. Timberman said she knows of volunteers wishing to assist and inquired what medical shots should they receive. Mr. Wentzell said shots were not being emphasized. Director Sullivan thanked Mr. Wentzell for keeping himself and the Clerk of the Board/Administrator up to date through the weekend of the hurricane disaster.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Salem City Councilman Sherman Hampton, 22 Elm Street, thanked the County for its cooperation and inquired if the radio systems of the State Police and local police could directly communicate. Mr. Wentzell said they can be patched through the County callboard but could not directly communicate. He said that compatible radios could be issued.

Cheryl Reardon of 230 Marlton Road, Pilesgrove Township, read a prepared statement directed at Mr. Simmermon of her opinion of his supposed opposition to Pilesgrove (Township, Planning Board, Concerned Residents of Pilesgrove [CPR]) farmland/open space preservation efforts, Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) compliance as prior Mayor and unhappiness with the present township committee. Director Sullivan stated the Freeholder Meeting was not a debate format and that Mr. Simmermon may or may not respond to any questions.

CLOSED SESSION

R2005-380 Resolution Authorizing the Exclusion of the Public from a Meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Salem

Mr. Ware moved for adoption of the resolution at 8:03 PM with Mr. Bobbitt seconding his motion. The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a vote of 7/0.

Upon completion of closed session, Director Sullivan announced the Board was back in open session.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Bobbitt moved for adjournment of the meeting, with Mr. Ware seconding his motion. With the motion properly moved, seconded and approved by all seven members, the meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.